

Bloomington MAC Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 5, 2005

Council Members Present

Lynda Gonzalez
Mike Koss

Betty Gosney
Juanita Ruiz

Michael Humphreys
Gregory Ware

Council Members Absent

Eric Scott

OLD BUSINESS:

Honoring Outgoing Council Members

The following members were thanked and honored for their service to the Bloomington Municipal Advisory Committee: Don Elliot, Katherine Fleener, Virginia Geil, and Walt Las.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Members Oath of Office

Interim Clerk of the Board Dena Smith and Deputy Clerk of the Board Laura Welch administered the Oath of Office to the Members taking office.

Remarks by 5th District Supervisor Josie Gonzales

Supervisor Gonzales took a few minutes to address the council and residents in attendance. The following is a summary of the Supervisor's comments.

The action of the oath of office is a symbol of what I would like to see take place from now on. Everyone gets a chance to have good communication with my office and the Bloomington community. The council members are charged with the responsibility to incorporate those who don't attend the meetings. The Supervisor needs to know what the community wants. She urged the community members to take what they've got and use it. She also asked that the council members set aside their personal agendas and represent the community members and their wants and needs.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Lynda Gonzalez nominated herself for the position of Chair or Vice Chair

Betty Gosney nominated Mike Koss for the position of Chair

Gregory Ware also nominated Lynda Gonzalez for the position of Chair

Lynda Gonzalez gave the reasons why she wants to be Chair of the Bloomington MAC

Gregory Ware made a motion to make Lynda Gonzalez the Chair and Mike Koss the Vice Chair of the Bloomington Municipal Advisory Committee.

Juanita Ruiz seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Identify key presentations for future meetings

The following were identified as key presentations that the council and community members would like to see at upcoming MAC meetings.

- Presentation by Colton Joint Unified School District related to school construction.
- Presentation by a trucking industry representative.
- Presentation by the water companies that serve the Bloomington area.
- Presentation by the redevelopment agency & the general plan update
- Presentation by the roads and maintenance on future plans and projects

- Presentation on the amount of funding that the Bloomington area will be entitled to from the Governor's allotment for roads.

A suggestion was made from the floor that there be a PA system at the meetings so that it is easier to hear when people are speaking.

Supervisor Gonzales informed the MAC members and those in attendance that a portable PA system had already been ordered.

Posting of the Agenda

In addition to the places that the agenda has been posted in, it was suggested that a meeting notice be sent to the local newspapers.

Minutes

The minutes from the May 3rd meeting were reviewed by the MAC members.

Correction: Instead of Dolphin Trucking the minutes should read Roadway Trucking.

Michael Humphreys made a motion to accept the minutes as amended.

Gregory Ware seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Member Reports

Gregory Ware:

Council member Ware introduced himself and said that he was concerned with new businesses being taken away from the Bloomington area, having a better working relationship with the Sheriff's Dept, and having a closer knit community.

Juanita Ruiz:

Council member Ruiz introduced herself and let the community know that she is a 25 year resident of the area. She is concerned with leaving the area the rural area that it is now. She thanked everyone for participating.

Mike Koss:

Vice Chairman Koss introduced himself and said that he was concerned with getting more police services for the Bloomington area. He thanked the Supervisor and everyone for the opportunity to serve again.

Lynda Gonzalez:

Chairman Gonzalez thanked everyone for their participation and thanked the Supervisor for the chance to serve on the Bloomington MAC again.

Betty Gosney

Council member Gosney introduced herself and said that she was glad to have the chance to serve and was looking forward to working with the community.

Michael Humphreys

Council member Humphreys introduced himself and said that he was a six year resident of the Bloomington area. He expressed his views on a property owners right to park their truck on their property and said that he looked forward to serving.

Staff Reports

5th District Field Representative – Terri Martinez

Ms. Martinez reported on the following items:

- Special Districts is putting the Kessler Park horse arena project out to bid and expect to begin construction of the project in October. **A question was posed from the floor asking how much of the original grant is left.** Ms. Martinez agreed to bring that information back to the next MAC meeting.

- The old modular units have been removed from Kessler Park and new trailers have replaced them so that Grandma Fran can give out her commodities. The job was finished as quickly as possible so as to not interrupt her important service to the community too much.
- The designated handicapped spaces on the linden side of Kessler Park are redone and the ones on the Santa Ana side will be done shortly.
- Jacob Babaco was contacted from Public Works to discuss the turn lane problem with Cedar. Ms. Martinez is still looking into this issue.
- The next public Bloomington PAC meeting will be August 17th at 6pm at Bloomington High School.
- Ms. Martinez announced a "Celebrating Seniors" day at the National Orange Show. She had flyers and posters to distribute.
- Ms. Martinez announced that the sheriff's office could not be in attendance to the high volume of calls that they were having.

Supervisor Gonzales asked to speak and told those in attendance that 1.3 million would be spent through the Sheriff's Dept. for the war on gangs. This money will be used to boost technology and give our officers the resources they need to do the job better and keep them safe. She also reported that six new helicopters would be purchased.

Supervisor Gonzales also reported that she has gotten the supervisors to approve 1 million dollars in the new budget to be spent in Bloomington for a project such as a skate park or other project that they would see fit. She encouraged the residents to let her know what they would like to see done with the money. She also mentioned that matching funds might be sought in this area. She encouraged residents to submit their ideas in writing to the MAC secretary.

5th District Supervisor Josie Gonzales

The Supervisor also reiterated the importance of the senior fair and hoped that everyone who was of an age to participate would do so, September 8 9am-2pm at the National Orange Show. She also stated her priority to senior needs and issues.

The Supervisor reported on plans for a grant-writing department that would involve students from the Cal State Grant Writing Program.

There was a question from the floor from Pam Geil regarding what had been done with money for a water park that had been planned and what was done with other park money that had long been set aside. There were park funds in the amount of \$880,000 that need to still be spent. There were also Ayala Park funds that were set aside.

The Supervisor replied that she was unaware of these programs but that she would gladly look into them and find out the status of any programs that the residents are wondering about. She asked that those in attendance write down the requests and hand them into the MAC secretary so that those items could be reported on.

Arnie Guillermo – Code Enforcement

Mr. Guillermo reported that 45 tons of debris was cleaned up in a 6 hour Bloomington clean-up. He thanked the Supervisor and Ms. Martinez for their support and participation with this endeavor. He reported that weekend sweeps were being done with illegal vendors and that progress was being made in that area. Mr. Guillermo said that currently there are 250-300 code enforcement cases in the Bloomington area and that summer is the busiest time of year for code enforcement. Mr. Guillermo that reported on the fire abatement program and told residents how they could help. He then opened it up for questions.

Gregory Ware asked when the next clean up day would be and Mr. Guillermo reported that they were working on August or September. Flyers will be made and distributed before hand. Mr. Ware also asked where the impound fees from the illegal food vendors go. It was reported that they go to the court fees for code enforcement cases.

Arnie Guillermo gave his number out for people who have code enforcement questions (909) 458-1540.

Gerald O'Reilly – Special Districts

Mr. O'Reilly is the administrator for Ayala and Kessler Park. He reported on the 05/60 Budget and said as projects come up that his office moves on strong recommendations from the Supervisor's office and that is how things get done. A security assessment has been done on Ayala Park to help make that facility more secure and free from crime. There is an almost daily graffiti issue at that facility. Kessler Park is next in line for new park lighting.

There was a comment from the floor regarding getting bids from outside independent contractors to do the graffiti removal and abatement. These services would include power washing and paint matching.

There was a question from the floor regarding who has jurisdiction over the library. There is graffiti there that need to be removed. It was reported by Ms. Martinez that the library is leased and so the landlord of the building is responsible for that removal.

It was also reported that Los Padrinos currently does graffiti removal for Bloomington and that the group comes out on Mondays and Thursdays.

Gerald O'Reilly gave his number out for people who have park concerns (909) 387-5940.

Public Comments

Members of the audience are asked to pick up a request to address the MAC from the Council Secretary. There is a limit of three minutes speaking per request. The following speakers were given time to speak.

Gary Madden – Inland Empire United Way

Mr. Madden spoke to the group about the upcoming 2-1-1- social services hotline and said that other counties are currently using the system very successfully.

Lee Nattress – Community Health Systems Inc.

Mr. Nattress provided the community with information on the Inland Empire Community Health Center – a Federally qualified health center – as a resource to the community.

Gabriel Hanna

Expressed a concern at why the public park restrooms have been closed during the day.

Eric Davenport

Gave a report on the Bloomington Incorporation Committee's feasibility study that has been completed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm to the August 2nd meeting at 7pm.

Submitted by: Amber Tiedgen – Bloomington MAC Secretary (909) 387-4565